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## **BLUE SPRINGS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORN**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Blue Springs, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to receiving child pornography over the Internet.

**David Neil Brown**, 44, of Blue Springs, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan this morning to the charge contained in an Aug. 30, 2005, federal indictment.

By pleading guilty today, Graves said, **Brown** admitted that he downloaded child pornography over the Internet from a computer in his home on March 5, 2002. Those images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct included children under the age of 12, and some of the images depicted children subjected to sadistic or otherwise violent sexual abuse.

Under federal statutes, **Brown** could be subject to a sentence of up to 15 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. However, if the court decides that **Brown's** prior state conviction qualifies as a prior conviction relating to sexual abuse or abusive sexual conduct involving a minor, **Brown** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 30 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. **Brown** pleaded guilty in 2003 to two counts of statutory sodomy in the first degree and three counts of statutory sodomy in the second degree in Jackson County, Mo., for which he is currently serving a state sentence of 15 years' imprisonment. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Blue Springs, Mo., Police Department.

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